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## EBARC Meeting

March 14, 2008  
7:30 p.m.

ARRL Pacific Division Vice Director  
Andy Oppel, N6AJO



The East Bay Amateur Radio Club meets the second Friday of each month  
at the Salvation Army, 4600 Appian Way, El Sobrante.

The Executive Board meets the Monday before each general meeting at 7:30 p.m.  
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### **March Program "Texx" Woodworth, KG6ATH**

Our speaker for March will be ARRL Pacific Division Vice Director, Andy Oppel, N6AJO

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### **Crab Feed Results "Burgie" Jones, KE6MSF**

Hello everyone! We want to thank you all for your support of the Crab Feed. There was a smaller turnout than last year, which means we need to start selling tickets much earlier.

We would like to thank Cheryl, KF6HEN, for her help selling items and raffle tickets and collecting tickets at the door. We also thank Randy, KA6BQF; Stanton, KD6SWU; and "Texx," KG6ATH, for their help in the kitchen. We thank Roger, KE6SZG, for his help in calling the prize tickets, and Rita, KG6WPN, for the beautiful baskets and prizes she made. A very, very special Thank You goes to Fred, KC6VLL, and Audrey, KF6MVH, for all of their help in purchasing the food, cooking it and everything.

We all had a good time, and it was a lot of fun. Thank you all again for your help and dedication to EBARC.

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Many thanks to Michael McMillan, K6MCM, for preproofing this month's *Blown Fuse*.

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### **General Meeting Minutes January 11, 2008 Peter Hoffman, W6DEI, Secretary**

Sharon reported that she will send out membership renewal reminders next month for those who have not yet renewed.

Membership voted to allocate the no-longer-needed CW materials that were used in the VE sessions to Joe Lee who will put them to good use.

The new VE session location was announced and has been added to the web site.

It was announced that Jan. 12th will be a work party at the club station. The primary purpose is for maintenance of antenna rotors and testing of the SSB FD Yagi. This day should also be used for removal of personal items and perhaps paring down old items the club no longer uses that are taking up space.

A motion was made and approved to allocate funds for the purchase of 5 new Field Day tents. The purchase will be made by Rita Brendan.

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### **General Meeting Minutes February 8, 2008 Peter Hoffman, W6DEI, Secretary**

Jack and Texx reported on the Richmond Parks & Recreation meeting where Jack spoke about EBARC's activities and history at the club station and our desire to continue occupying this building as well as keeping it

maintained. For most of the Parks & Rec group, this was new information as they knew very little about EBARC's club station. We were received quite well. Our history of service to the Richmond community seemed to be appreciated. No official determination of our status has been announced but at least the city is now well aware that we exist and what our activities and plans are.

Burgie reported on the crab feed, which brought in around \$340 in profits to the club. All who worked so hard on this event were given an ovation of appreciation by the membership.

Texx reported that the rotor on the crank-up tower is not working. It may be a faulty wire that is preventing rotation - there does seem to be power to the rotator. Alan Eshleman confirmed this problem.

Alan mentioned that the club is running low on QSL cards and we have received some cards from our Field Day operations that have not been acted upon. It seems many QSL cards come without an SASE and Alan is no longer willing to send return cards at his own expense. It was suggested that we look into purchasing some cards and allocating some small amount of money to return QSLs without SASE's just as a courtesy to those who have sent us cards.

Jack asked for volunteers for the position of carpool coordinator. Mark Rubasky has volunteered to perform this task. He will be responsible for trying to match up drivers with any riders who request a ride to our meetings.

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If you need a ride to/from EBARC meetings, contact Mark Rubasky, at 798-7833. Volunteer drivers should also contact him.

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## "Corrected" Ham License Plates

### ARRL Pacific Division Director

### Robert Vallio, W6RGG

If you have Amateur Radio (HAM) license plates from the California DMV that have spaces between the numbers and letters and you would like new plates without the spaces, follow the instructions in the link below...

[http://www.dmv.ca.gov/ham/ham\\_plate.htm](http://www.dmv.ca.gov/ham/ham_plate.htm)

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## Future Bay Area Events

- Livermore Swap Meet, 1st Sunday of each month at Robertson Park, 7 a.m. to noon, all year. Talk-in 147.045 MHz. Info: Robert 925-560-5646 (h). More info at [www.livermoreark.org/swap/swap.html](http://www.livermoreark.org/swap/swap.html)
- South Bay Electronics Flea Market, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, March through October, De Anza College, Cupertino. Details at [www.asvaro.org](http://www.asvaro.org). Talk-in on 145.27 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL).
- EBARC, ORCA, and ARCA sponsor joint ARRL VEC Amateur Radio Test Sessions quarterly at 9 a.m. The remaining dates for 2008 are Apr. 27th, Jul. 27th, and Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. Tests are in the Media Room, 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way (at 16<sup>th</sup> St.), Oakland. The 2008 fee (and retest fee) is \$14. For info call 510-846-1587 or 510-741-8227.
- CoCoCo RACES Training: Details, RACES net, 6:45 p.m., Thursdays on 145.11 MHz.

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*[The full list of officers and nets is being omitted from the printed Blown Fuse this month to save money and to send the roster. The full list will return next month. – Editor]*

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The East Bay Amateur Radio Club, founded in 1947, is a California non-profit organization of amateur radio operators in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. The club is open to anyone interested in amateur radio. Annual dues are \$25 for individual membership, \$30 for a family membership, and \$10 for students K-12. For information, call (510) 233-7509, contact any EBARC officer, see Web page [www.eastbayarc.org](http://www.eastbayarc.org), or write EBARC, P.O. Box 1393, El Cerrito, CA 94530. The East Bay Amateur Radio Club maintains a club station, W6CUS, at 3200 Macdonald Ave., Richmond. The packet station, W6CUS-1, is on 145.630 Mhz, and is linked to the EAST BAY LAN (EBAY) on 223.720 Mhz.

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## AMATEUR RADIO NETS

NET	DAYS	LOCAL TIME	FREQ, MHZ
West Contra Costa County ARES/RACES Net	Thurs	1845 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
EBARC "Explore Net" (HF)	Mon	1930 (USB)	28.425
KARO/ECHO ARES/RACES Net	Thurs	~1900 simplex	146.415
NALCO RACES/ARES Net	Thurs	1915 (PL 131.8+)	440.900
Oakland ARES Emergency Communications Net	Thurs	1930 (PL 77-)	146.880
Contra Costa Communications Club Net	Thurs	1930 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Tech Net	Thurs	2000 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
"Over the Hill Gang" Breakfast/Commute Net	Mo-Fr	0710 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Northern Calif. Net VHF Session	Daily	1930 (PL 107.2-)	145.410
"Going Home Group"	Mo-Fr	1600 (PL 82.5-)	145.110

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